

## **REMARKS**

Claims 3, 11, 12 and 14-21 are pending in this application.

Claims 1, 2, 4-10 and 22-32 have been canceled without prejudice.

### **Claim Amendments.**

Claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form by incorporating all of the limitations of canceled base claim 1.

Claim 11 has been amended to change the dependency from canceled claim 1 to amended claim 3.

Claim 14 has been amended to add the phrase "the method" before the word "comprising".

No new matter is added by these amendments.

### **Objections to the Drawing.**

The drawing was objected to for failing to include reference numbers 50, 52, 60 and 62. As indicated in the attached Amendments to the Drawings, and Replacement Drawing Sheet, the drawing has now been corrected by adding the omitted reference numbers.

### **Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph.**

Claim 14 stands rejected for allegedly being unclear as to which steps constitute limitations in the present claim, and which steps are part of the preamble. In response, claim 14 has been amended to add the phrase "the method" before the word "comprising", thus indicating that the recitations before the word "comprising" are part of the preamble. Withdrawal of this

rejection is requested.

**Provisional Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejection.**

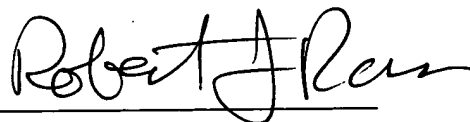
Claims 3, 11, 12 and 14-21 stand provisionally rejected for alleged obviousness-type double patenting over copending application Serial No. 10/570,422. Applicants note that the cited application has not yet been examined. In the event claims are issued in the cited application prior to allowance of the present claims, Applicants will consider filing an appropriate Terminal Disclaimer at that time. Since base claim 1 has been canceled, claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form, and claim 11 has been amended to conform to the changes made to claim 3.

In view of the amendments and arguments presented herein, Applicants deem claims 3, 11, 12 and 14-21 to be in form for allowance. Early such action and passage of the application to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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